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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2014 1:01 AM **Subject:** Budget Committee Testimony

Dear Chair Ann Kobayashi, Vice Chair Stanley Chang, and members of the Budget Committee:

I am writing this email in opposition to bills 25, and 18. Non-profits, especially small organizations like ours, the Musicians' Association of Hawaii, are stretched to (and sometimes beyond) limits as it is.

Although it is necessary to balance the city's budget, (as it is for us to balance ours) I am hoping there is another way to do this rather than raise property taxes on the sector of the community dedicated to helping others.

Thank you,

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